GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Manpower in Indian Missions
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is severe shortage of manpower in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the number of staff in High Commissions presently posted in all the countries; and

(c) the action taken to fill up the shortage of staff in Indian Missions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) At present there are 2154 posts of India-based and 2708 posts of local staff of the Ministry in Missions and Posts abroad. The Government continuously reviews the requirement of manpower at various levels in Missions and Posts abroad. Remedial relocation of manpower is undertaken wherever required. The Ministry is optimizing utilization of human resources through increasing recruitment in Indian Foreign Service, taking officers from other Ministries and Departments on deputation and engaging locally recruited staff.